

The project « TWINNING FOR PEACE » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 281 citizens, notably 143 participants from the city of Colle Umberto (Italy), 18 participants from the city of La Balme de Sillingy (France) etc. 74 participants from the city of St. Lawrenz (Malta) and 16 participants from the city of Buje (Croatia).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Colle Umberto (Colle Umberto, Italy), from 04/12/2015 to 08/12/2015

Short description:

The **day of the 04/12/2015** was dedicated to travelling and participant's welcoming in Colle Umberto, where local population opened their homes to accommodate some of the participants. Some others, was accommodated in local Hotels or Bed & Breakfast. A common dinner was organized to start the socialization and to increase reciprocal knowledge.

The **day of the 05/12/2015** was dedicated to The 5th of December, all participants met in the "Alpini Monument in Colle Umberto", where an official celebration was done to remember the memories of the war in Europe; later on, all the delegation moved to the multi-functional conference room titled "La Balme de Sillingy" (in honour of the 30 year twinning experience between Colle Umberto and the French municipality) where they met a great number of citizens and students attending the Conference. Apart from the international delegation (composed by more than 100 participants), around 200 citizens attended the event: in particular, a delegation of 4 class of a secondary school actively participated the conference, by playing the national anthems of the international partners and the EU official anthem with flutes and voice. Under the moderation of Mr. Pietro Panzarino (a former director of high schools and journalist, expert of social & education policies), the following guests attended the TWINNING FOR PEACE Conference: Mr. Edoardo Scarpis (Mayor of Colle Umberto), Mr. Noel Formosa (Mayor of St. Lawrenz), Mr. Francoise Daviet (Mayor of La Balme de Sillingy), Mr. Valdi Glavcic (Vice-Mayor of Buje), Mr. Angelo Altoè (President of the Twinning Association of Colle Umberto), Mr. Patrick Kassa (President of the Twinning Association of St. Lawrenz), The President of the Twinning Committee of La Balme de Sillingy. Among the guest "external" from the Partnership we want to mention: Mr. Marco Zabotti (Vice President of the Culture Commission of Treviso Province), Ms. Barbara de Nardi (councillor for Social Policies of Vittorio Veneto Municipality) and in particular the TWINNING FOR PEACE project was very proud of having hosted as speaker Mr. Drago Kraljievic (Former Ambassador for Croatia in Italy). As foreseen in the agenda, the Conference had been divided into two main "moments": During the Conference, a new pact for twinning had been signed by Mr. Scarpis and Mr. Formosa in order to reinforce and confirm the will of prosecution of this important experience for many other years and a group of talented young boys and girls were awarded for educational value, in line with the need of a general "refresh" of the twinning experience in terms of "age of the promoters and participants". Moreover, a group of traditional dancers from Malta made a short performance very appreciated by participants.

The **day of the 06/12/2015** was dedicated to the 6th of December 2015 the TWINNING FOR PEACE group visited the "pre-alpine" locations of the Great War, touching the Memorial of Nervesa della Battaglia in the Montello area (<http://www.itinerarigrandeguerra.it/code/28028/Sacrario-militare-di-Nervesa-della-Battaglia>), one of the most important front-lines of the final battle of the Great War, and the French Cemetery of Pederobba (<http://www.itinerarigrandeguerra.it/code/27516/Sacrario-francese-di-Pederobba>), in order to comply with the request of the La Balme de Sillingy Delegation, who expressed the will to visit the graves of the French soldiers who died during the First World War in Italy.

The **day of the 07/12/2015** was dedicated to the 7th of December 2015, the delegation visited the “location of the so called white war”, the Dolomites, in which soldiers of different nationalities fought for years in terrible environmental and weather conditions (bad weather conditions killed more than guns and cannonballs here in Dolomites): in details, they visited the Museum of the Open Great War in Sesto Pusteria (<http://www.altapusteria.info/it/sesto/sesto/vivere-sesto/bellum-aquilarum.html>).

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